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54th District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting Minutes
December 16, 1994 - 8:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners' Conference Room
Room 603, County Administration Building
Cincinnati, OH 45202

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brayshaw at 8:07 a.m. All members were present. Mr. Richard Adams also attended.

Support Staff present: Messrs. Pettit, Cottrill, Cline, Schlimm, Bass, Beck, Cauble and Riddiough. Also present was Cathy Concilla, District #2's Program Representative; Prem Garg, City of Cincinnati Superintendent of Engineering; Dennis Chapman, Director of Public Works & Road Superintendent of Colerain Township and Tim Lange, also with Colerain Township maintenance; Thomas J. Quinn, Director of the Metropolitan Sewer District and Bruce Henry, Deputy Director/Safety Director of the City of Blue Ash.

Mr. Crafts moved approval of the June 17, 1994 minutes; seconded by Mr. Ragase and passed unanimously.

A cake was presented to Mr. Sykes whose birthday was the day before. All committee members wished him well and he was very appreciative.

Mr. Barfels moved approval of the 1995 Administrative Costs Program; seconded by Mr. Sykes and passed unanimously.

Mr. Cottrill explained the various listings that were distributed and asked for questions. There were no questions. He then began presenting two alternate methods for funding Round 9 projects submitted by Chairman Brayshaw (as Hamilton County Engineer) and Mr. Crafts. A lengthy discussion followed.

Under the alternate method presented for consideration by Chairman Brayshaw was a proposal to increase the number of projects to be funded by modifying the usual method of selecting projects. This would reduce the amount of the requested funds for those large governmental agencies (City of Cincinnati - Colerain Ave. and Gest Street Bridge; Metro Sewer District - Trenchless Technology; City of Loveland - Lebanon Road Improvement Project) by approximately one half with the assurance that the balance of the requested funding be included with Round 10. The proposal would also limit LTIP funding to expansion-type projects.

Mr. Crafts responded with another proposal similar to Chairman Brayshaw's except that funds for any particular project would be capped at 2M maximum per project. It also differed from Chairman Brayshaw's in that the highest rated projects would be selected for funding with no restriction of LTIP funds to expansion projects only.

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Mr. Seitz stated that Mr. Crafts' proposal would pare down the MSD & Colerain Ave. projects. However, it would also adhere to the traditional method of selecting the highest rated projects rather than to go further down the list, whereas Mr. Brayshaw's proposal would separate and rate SCIP & LTIP projects separately based on whether or not it is an expansion project. Mr. Ragase also indicated that he was opposed to funding low rated projects.

Mr. Heile and Mr. Mendes understood the good intentions of funding more projects, but were opposed to applying these changes retroactively to Round 9 (i.e., at the end of the selection process).

Mr. Crafts stated he would support a proposal to approve the Colerain Avenue project on a two year basis, and encouraged the Committee in the future to consider a funding cap of 2M for future projects in an attempt to leverage project funding.

Mr. Tom Quinn stated MSD's projects applied for are in 21 separate jurisdictions and there are 145 separate projects under one contract.

Mr. Bruce Henry stated that Blue Ash would increase their request for credit enhancement funds in order to help fulfil District #2's credit enhancement obligation.

Mr. Dennis Chapman wanted to know what criteria is being used to arrive at the points given a project after an appeal is received. Mr. Cottrill said he would review Colerain's appealed project again and report back to Mr. Chapman.

Mr. Seitz moved the acceptance of Mr. Crafts' alternate method with the further proviso that the Colerain Avenue widening project be designated as a two year allocation and therefore guaranteed for funding in Round 10 under SCIP unless the City should succeed in securing other funding. Mr. Crafts seconded the motion.

The motion went up for discussion. Mr. Mendes said he was not in favor of voting on this motion today on the basis of a five minute discussion. He wanted to check with the City's engineers to see if it were feasible and possible to break up such a large construction project. Also he wanted some legal opinion as to the binding nature of the vote on next year's allocation. He was not in agreement with deviating from the Committee's past standard practice in voting for this Round's allocation under these circumstances.

Mr. Heile was concerned about the legal significance of this vote in terms of binding the funding in future years. His thoughts were that perhaps we are changing our procedures at the last minute, particularly when so much time had been spent on our rating system and selection process. Further, he wanted to know if the Support Staff had a recommendation on this motion. It was stated their past policies were usually implemented, and that is what is represented in this year's recommendation.

Chairman Brayshaw asked for a formal vote on Mr. Seitz's motion before the Committee. There were 6 ayes and 3 opposed. Being unable to resolve the question without further information, the Committee agreed to another meeting on Friday, December 30, 1994 at 8:00 a.m. In the interim the City will seek answers to the Committee's concerns regarding two year allocations and project phasing.

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Mr. Heile asked for a legal opinion about project phasing from the Ohio Public Works Commission before the next meeting.

Mr. Crafts moved adjournment; seconded by Mr. Ragase and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Remaining items on the agenda were not brought up.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Cornelius".

Joan Cornelius
Recording Secretary

cc: Support Staff

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ATTENDANCE LIST

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Peter Heil	City of Cincinnati	352-3337
John Hamner	" "	352-3404
Bill Brayshaw	Hamilton County	632-8630
DAVE CRAIGS		651-9538
Joe D'Aglio	Miami Twp	941 3393
Joe Ragan	City of Forest Park	851-5091
Wayne Barfield	City of Loveland	683-0151
Bill Seitz	Green Twp.	357-9332